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"Celebrating 31 years (March 1991) of FREE DX News"

"Could this be the final year???"

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** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICES: This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late ARRL International DX SSB Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the ARRL DX SSB Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th-February, through Sunday, 6th-March there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5T, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

5UA, NIGER (Unusual Callsign). Giorgio, IU5HWS (ex-YI9WS), is now in

Niamey, Niger, and is active as 5UA99WS until March 20th. Activity has been on 20 meters SSB after 1100z. QSL via EA5GL or LoTW.

5V, TOGO (Update). Andy, 5V7JA (KB9IJI), who lives in Mango, Togo (WW Loc. JK00FI), since 2016 with a mission radio station and hospital, informs OPDX that he and his family do return to the States from time to time. He also mentions, "I have a FT-891 and omni-directional MP-1 Super Antenna. I'm mostly on digi-modes (FT8, JT65, WSPR, JS8CALL, Winlink) between 0000-0200z and SSB some weekends. No promises, but I'm happy to try and schedule a QSO." QSL via eQSL or LoTW. Andy states, "I'm happy to still send you an old-fashioned paper card in the mail from Togo. Just let me know (kb9iji@gmail.com). Thanks for your patience waiting on the mail system."

8P, BARBADOS. Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W during the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. He will also be active later in the month during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL 8P1W via KU9C.

8P, BARBADOS. Richard "Dick", G3RWL, will once again be active as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) between March 7-31st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW only. He plans to be in the 85th 2022 BERU (British Commonwealth) Contest (March 12-13th). Dick suggests, "Just tell your readers NOT to respond to BERU contesters on 12/13 March (it makes us laugh at you)" [because it is a non-US contest]. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau using ClubLog's OQRS. See QRZ.com for more QSL info.

8Q, MALDIVES. Laurent "Lolo", F8CZI, will be active as 8Q7ZI from the Maldives (AS-013) between March 9-21st. Activity will be holiday style in CW and SSB using a KX3 into a end-feed antenna. QSL via F8CZI.

9H, MALTA. Mike, G3VYI, will be active as 9H/G3VYI and 9H6YI from south-west Gozo between March 11-13th, during the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest. He informs OPDX on March 1st, that he will be "Traveling with XYL from UK overland/ferry leaving this week, via Sicily and Malta, as IT9/G3VYI and 9H/G3VYI en route." Activity in Malta will be field day style from a high site using his camper-van on all bands using a 100w rig into verticals and backup dipoles for 40/20/10m. QSL via G3VYI.

9N, NEPAL. Robert, 9N7AA (S53R), posted the following update on QRZ.com, MARCH 1st [edited]: I continue being on 30m long path to NA on 10131 kHz FT8/FH daily, from approximately 12:00 to 13:00Z, after which the band goes flat here, and I usually move to 17m for NA. Only well-equipped NA and SA stations get over the nasty local QRM that constantly ranges from S7-9 on 30m. Nevertheless, I see a lot of light and overlapping traces, mostly in the 1100-1800Hz range. Very difficult to decode at such low signal levels, so check your TX slot before you transmit and spread out - you have all the space up to at least 2800Hz. That sure raises your chances.

On 17m the usable path to NA varies daily, with no forecast tool correctly predicting whether long or short path is better. VOACAP typically shows both being equally usable, at least in the 13:00-15:00Z window, but it is either-or from what I see. Check both and see what is best on a particular day.

Local QRM is at the "never seen before" level in the whole HF spectrum, but much worse on bands starting with 20m and lower. 17/15/12&10m are fairly "clean" compared to low portion of the spectrum and allow decent copy and runs, at least into EU and JA. I am still in the process of bringing in a "QRM buster" device, but it may not be available for the rest of this winter season. Ultra Beam / WIMO 2-element Yagi (40-6m) works great and with the 180-degree instant switching allows for quick path checks, or to work someone calling from the opposite direction.

For the time being, activity will only be on 40-6m, while the 80/160

meter antenna remains a project for the summer months. This will also give me some extra time to try and find a solution for the interference. Note that 60m band is not permitted in Nepal.

Because of the QRM, the operation on 30m and lower will only be on FT8 / FH for the time being - not that I like it, not at all, but.. On other bands, the vast majority of activity is, of course, CW.

QSL via S57DX, direct only, and of course, LoTW and ClubLog will be updated at least once a week. For PayPal requests you can use s57dx@yahoo.com and OQRS will be set up soon. And - no Flags, QRZ.com log, eQSL, etc..

Please note that 9N7AA was previously operated by Andy, UA3AA. QSL info for Andy's operation from March-April 2014 is via Andy Gromov, PO Box 873, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA.

C5, THE GAMBIA (Reminder). Don, G3XTT, will once again be active as C56DF from The Gambia between March 9-18th. He is there for the 85th Commonwealth Contest (BERU) [March 12-13th]. Look for operation before and maybe after the contest. Activity will be on various bands, probably all CW like last time using low power (IC-7300 and wires) from a rooftop apartment. He will, of course, upload logs to LoTW and ClubLog, but possibly only after his return to the UK. QSL direct to Don's home callsign or via ClubLog's OQRS.

CT9, MADEIRA. Operators Klaus/DJ9KM and Georg/DD8ZX, will be active as CT9/DJ9KM and CT9/DD8ZX from Madeira Island (AF-014) between March 5-12th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using mainly FT8 and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Massimo "Max", IZ4DPV, is now active as D4K from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086). The length of his stay is unknown. Look for him to be in the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th). Outside of the contest, Max plans to be on 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST). Next weekend it will be time to change your clocks again. Countries in the Northern Hemisphere (most of N. American and some of the Caribbean) who observe Daylight Saving Time should change their clocks on Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 AM, and should move their "local clocks" forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local time. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 AM. European countries will switch to DST on March 27th. For the history and details about DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
<http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2022.html>

ADDED NOTES: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION NEWS (SWODXA DX DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT; Press Release, dated March 1st). Bill Salyers, AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.org), from the Southwest Ohio DX Association, sent out the following [edited]: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that Dr. Scott Wright, KOMD, will be the keynote speaker at the 37th annual DX Dinner. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2022 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, May 20th, at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton.

Scott will present the "High C's of DXing - Operating in The Caribbean, Chile, and China".

Scott has been licensed for 45 years and is a life member of the ARRL and its' Maxim Society. He retains membership in RSGB, CDXC, CWops, A1 Operator Club, MWA and TCDXA. He has also served as the president of the Rochester DX and Context Club.

Scott was Editor of National Contest Journal (NCJ), 2018-2019-2020. He has had Contest operations from: China (B1Z), Chile, Uruguay, Turks and Caicos.

Scott's DX awards include 7-Band DXCC, WAZ + Diamond Jubilee WAZ, CQ WPX Award of Excellence, CQ 5 Band WAZ, ARRL WAS (8 bands), ARRL Triple Play award, ARRL WAC, and 323 DXCC entities worked.

His Contesting Awards include # 1 Asia - CQ WPX CW 2007 as part of B1Z M-M team, #1 Chile - CQ WW CW 2009 - SOAB, #1 World - ARRL DX SSB with W0GJ and WA0MHJ as VP5H in the multi-single HP category, Several W0 #1 scores in NAQP SSB and #2 US SOSB CQ WPX CW 20 meters.

Professionally, Scott has been a leader in the fight against COVID 19 from the Mayo Clinic where he is a Professor of Medicine and an academic cardiologist. His research and international teaching invitations have provided many opportunities for travel and radio operation globally.

For more information and to order dinner tickets, visit

WWW.SWODXAEVENTS.ORG and follow us on Twitter (@SWODXA).

DDARS PRESENTATION. The Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society (DDARS) had a ZOOM presentation with Adrian, KO8SCA, about his DXpeditions. Adrian devoted his talk to the 2021 trip to Market Reef operating OJ0C on the tiny piece of rock between Sweden and Finland! He also previewed upcoming DXpeditions in 2023 to Swains and especially to Bouvet Island the second most sought after DX entity. 3Y0J is a hugely impressive and difficult endeavour by a group of amateurs including Adrian himself. To view this presentation on YouTube.com, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdfUXA6MqeA> Video is about 1:35 mins. long.

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of March 3rd. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 26 entities:

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| 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea) | 14. KH4 Midway Island |
| 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island | 15. ZS8 Prince Edward & Marion Islands |
| 3. FT5/W Crozet Island | 16. PY0S Saint Peter and Paul Rocks |
| 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef | 17. PY0T Trindade & Martim Vaz Islands |
| 5. CE0X San Felix Islands | 18. KP5 Desecheo Island |
| 6. BV9P Pratas Island | 19. VP8S South Sandwich Islands |
| 7. KH7K Kure Island | 20. KH5 Palmyra & Jarvis Islands |
| 8. KH3 Johnston Island | 21. ZL9 New Zealand Subantarctic Islands |
| 9. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island | 22. FK/C Chesterfield Island |
| 10. FT5/X Kerguelen Island | 23. EZ Turkmenistan |
| 11. FT/G Glorioso Island | 24. YK Syria |
| 12. VK0M Macquarie Island | 25. JD/M Minami Torishima |
| 13. YV0 Aves Island | 26. VK0H Heard Island |

There have been no changes in the "Top 26" since we last reported back on February 7th. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list (340) is available at: <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

EX0, KYRGYZSTAN. Operators Yuri/R2DY, Pavel/R2DX and Eugeni/RW3FB will be active as EX0QR from the south shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan, between March 5-16th. This is their second operation from there. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via R2DX, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

FH, MAYOTTE (2022 6m EME DXpedition Update). Lance, W7GJ, sent out the following announcement February 28th [edited]: GOOD news: I have purchased all the airline tickets and excess baggage fees and have made a deposit on a rental house in Mayotte (FH) in LH27nb for September 6-18th this year. After exhaustive research, this appears to be the best - and possibly the ONLY - suitable site on Mayotte for 6m EME!

I have already obtained written approval to operate as FH/W7GJ, but also have applied for a non-compound callsign (T07GJ). There is no published record of anybody ever working FH from USA on 6m, so I am sure if you are in NA, you still need it! If you were thinking about trying 6m DX via EME, *THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL 6 MONTH WARNING!* You have plenty of time to get that larger yagi or array up, and get that new 6m amplifier going! Please

spread the news widely throughout the 6m community!

I will have access to WiFi, but I will be using it primarily to update my computer clock and my list of daily stations worked to the Magic Band EME email group. I expect to be using the most current version of Q65-60A mode for all my EME operation and strongly suggest you get some experience with it before September! I plan on operating on my usual EME sked frequency of 50.190 MHz. If there is any ionospheric propagation, I will be on FT8 on 50.313 or 50.323.

I know many EU stations have already worked FH, but some EU stations and ALL NA stations still need it for an ATNO. This rural QTH allows me to have my 6M8GJ up at 67' above the sea. There is an excellent takeoff during ALL of my moonsets out over the sea (which is only 5 wavelengths in front of the antenna). I expect to have some good ground gain lobes, including being able to work stations down below zero degrees elevation.

For NA stations, there are days when NA moonrise is my moonset, so there could be amazing combination of ground gain on both ends that makes contact with modest sized 6m stations possible! Of course, there also are days when my moonset coincides with moonsets in eastern EU and the Middle East, again presenting excellent opportunities for contacts with more modest 6m stations. The FH property borders a sports field to the north, and the nearest neighbor that direction is 200m away, so I am very optimistic about it being a quiet QTH ;-). Although my moonrise is blocked by mountains, I expect to be QRV primarily after the moon azimuth reaches 45 degrees, which will still provide common moon windows with all OC and AS stations.

Most of my EME operation will take place during my local night, so I will not be plagued with the dreaded daytime equatorial high TEC clouds to interfere with the EME signals. Also, most of the windows with NA and EU are after workday hours, so hopefully many people can be QRV. Of course, with the rapid onset of Cycle 25, there may be periods of geomagnetic disturbances but hopefully we will have enough common moon windows with everyone to work through such periods.

The planned station is my new custom built DX Shop DXpedition amplifier, which is capable of 1500w output in Q65-60A mode, driven by my new ELAD FDM-DUO SDR. I also will use my ARR preamplifier ahead of my Airspy R2 receiver or the FDM-DUO transceiver. Feedline will again be a short length of low loss LMR600UF coaxial cable to my 6M8GJ yagi.

I know I gave people plenty of advance warning before my FO 6m EME DXpedition to call me when my moon was below 65 degrees elevation, and many people disregarded those instructions and waited until my moon was too high. In FO my experience was dismal trying to work stations when my moon was so much higher than I could aim!!! PLEASE PLEASE call me when my moon is below 65 degrees elevation!!! I probably will NOT be QRV when my moon is above 65 degrees! I hope to have a planned operating schedule posted on my web site very soon - it will show you when I will be QRV and when my moon will be too high.

Contributions toward the substantial costs of this DXpedition are gratefully appreciated! My mailing address is shown below and my PayPal address is simply this email. Additional details and updates will be available on my webpage (<http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj>) very soon. Can't wait to put YOU in the 6m log from FH! MNI TNX and GL! VY 73, Lance

FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS (Reminder/Update to OPDX.1543/1544/1545/1550/1553). By the time you read this, Jacek, SP5EAQ, is expected to be active as FO/SP5EAQ and TX5AQ from Rimatara Island (OC-050, WW Loc. BG37oi) between March 2-30th. This will be a SSB only operation on 80-10 meters as well as the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) signing with the special call-sign TX5AQ as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via SP7DQR, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or the SP7DQR OQRS (<http://sp7dqr.pl/en/oqrs.php/>). For more details and possible updates, see: <http://australs.sp7dqr.pl/index.html>

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Phil, 3D2TS, will once again be active as FK1TS from Noumea, New Caledonia, sometime during April. Activity will be mainly on the Digital modes (FT8). He states that contacts are updated to eQSL, ClubLog and LoTW within the hour after QSO usually. QSL via M00XO's OQRS.

GB20, WALES (Special Event). Look for special callsign GB20SOTA to be active operating from the Welsh SOTA summit of Mynydd y Cwm (GW/NW-076) between March 2-26th. Activity is to celebrate 20 Years of the "Summits on the Air" (SOTA) program. Operations will be on HF, VHF and UHF. QSL via M1EYP, direct or by the Bureau. See QRZ.com for more details.

INDEXA NEWS (Spring Newsletter). The Spring 2022 Issue of the INDEXA Newsletter (Issue 135) is now available. Steve Molo, KI4KWR, Editor, reports [edited]: Highlights include - Bhutan: The Land of the Thunder Dragon; A Tribute to Mary Hobart K1MHM (SK); 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition Update and more... The INDEXA Newsletter can be viewed at:

<https://indexa.org/documents/newsletters/Newsletter-Issue-135-Spring%202022.pdf>

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between February 28th-March 5th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
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AF-004	EA8/DL2DXA/P	CANARY	17m; CW
AF-004	EA8AUW	CANARY	40m; SSB
AF-004	EA8JK	CANARY	10m; SSB/FT8
AF-004	EA8RM/P	CANARY	20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8TR	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-004	EC8AQQ	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-004	EH8CLP	CANARY	40/10m; SSB
AF-018	IH9YMC	PANTELLERIA	15m; CW
AF-019	IG9ITO	PELAGIE	20/17m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	10m; SSB
AF-024	S79VU	INNER	15m; SSB
AF-049	3B8CW	MAURITIUS	10m; FT8
AF-086	D4Z	WINDWARD	15m; SSB
AS-004	5B4AIX	Cyprus	12/10m; SSB
AS-007	JA0FIL	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JA3FYC	HONSHU	10m; FT4
AS-007	JA4MOK	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JE1RXJ	HONSHU	15m; SSB
AS-007	JF1EHM	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JF7OII	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JG4AKL	HONSHU	10m; FT8
AS-007	JH1HDT	HONSHU	160m;
AS-007	JH3CUL	HONSHU	20m; FT8
AS-007	JJ2QWN	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JL1QOC	HONSHU	40m; FT8
AS-007	JR3GPP	HONSHU	10m; FT4
AS-007	JR7AQL	HONSHU	15m; SSB
AS-007	JR7RHO	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JS1IFK	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-013	8Q7PR	Maldives	10m; FT8
AS-013	8Q7WM	Innahura	80/40m; CW
AS-013	8Q7WX	Innahura	80m; CW
AS-020	BX5AA	Taiwan	15m; SSB
AS-023	JA5MOO/p	Amami	10m; FT8
AS-045	HL5FUA	ULLEUNG	15m; SSB
AS-076	JA5CEX	SHIKOKU	20m; FT8
AS-077	JR6EZE	KYUSHU	10m; FT4
AS-078	JA8ISU	HOKKAIDO	160m;
AS-078	JF8QNF	HOKKAIDO	160/40m; FT8
AS-078	JH8TFZ	HOKKAIDO	15m; FT8
AS-078	JR8PYZ	HOKKAIDO	15m; SSB
AS-117	JF3BFS	AWAJI	15m; CW
AS-200	JJ5RBH	Shodo	15/12m; CW/SSB/FT8
EU-001	SV5AZK	KALYMNOS	10m; FT8
EU-003	CU2CE	EASTERN	10m; SSB

EU-004	EC6AAE	BALEARIC	40m; CW
EU-005	G4RCG	GREAT BRITAIN	15m; CW
EU-005	G6UT	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	GI4OSF	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; FT8
EU-005	MM0HVU	GREAT BRITAIN	12m; FT8
EU-005	MW0PAI/P	GREAT BRITAIN	40/20m; SSB
EU-010	MM6OEC	OUTER HEBRIDES	20m; SSB
EU-014	TK5EP	CORSICA	10m; SSB
EU-015	SV9ANK	CRETE	15m; SSB
EU-015	SV9SRY	CRETE	40m; FT8
EU-018	OY1CT	FAROE	17m; FT8
EU-021	TF3JB	ICELAND	30m; FT8
EU-025	II9WRTC	Sicily	17/15m; CW/SSB
EU-025	II9VPT	Sicily	20m; SSB
EU-025	IT9PHU/M	Sicily	20m; SSB
EU-026	JW4GUA	Spitsbergen	20/15m; SSB
EU-029	OV1CDX	SJAEELLAND	12m; CW
EU-042	DK8OL	Sylt	12m; SSB
EU-054	IF9ZWA	FAVIGNANA	15/10m; FT8
EU-055	LA4WKA	SOGN OG FJORDANE/HORDALAND/ROGALAND COUNTY	40m; CW
EU-055	LB5WB	SOGN OG FJORDANE/HORDALAND/ROGALAND COUNTY	80m; FT8
EU-067	SY8OVJ	KYKLADES	20m; CW
EU-072	SV4SCL	THESSALIA REGION	60m;
EU-114	GU4CHY	GUERNSEY	15m; CW
EU-114	GU5WZY	GUERNSEY	20m; FT8
EU-115	EI9FV	IRELAND	20m; FT8
EU-115	GI0LDI	IRELAND	20m; CW
EU-115	MI0LPO	IRELAND	20m; FT8
EU-115	MI0UFT	IRELAND	20m; FT8
EU-115	MI6OLJ	IRELAND	20m; SSB
NA-001	C6AGU	Wood Cay	12m; FT8
NA-005	VP9HE	BERMUDA	20m; SSB
NA-015	CO3JK	CUBA	40m; CW
NA-015	CO8MCL	CUBA	20m; FT8
NA-021	8P5AA	BARBADOS	17m; SSB
NA-021	8P6BC	BARBADOS	80m; FT8
NA-021	8P6QA	BARBADOS	10m; FT8
NA-029	VY2NX	PRINCE EDWARD	10m; SSB
NA-052	N1UL/2	FLA STATE SW (COLLIER/MONROE COUNTY)	15m; FT8
NA-062	K2ZR/4	KEY WEST	40/20/17/12m; CW
NA-065	K8BYP	San Juan	40m; CW
NA-096	HI3LT	HISPANIOLA	40/20m; SSB
NA-096	HI8HRD	HISPANIOLA	10m; SSB
NA-099	KP4JOC	PUERTO RICO	10m; SSB
NA-099	KP4TF	PUERTO RICO	30m; CW
NA-099	WP4U	PUERTO RICO	15m; SSB
NA-105	PJ7AA	St Maarten	30m; FT8
NA-106	KP2B	VIRGIN	15m; SSB
NA-106	NP2KW	VIRGIN	12m; FT8
NA-108	J68HZ	St Lucia	10m; SSB
NA-108	J69Z	St Lucia	15m; SSB
NA-141	KT3Q/4	Key Biscane	15m; CW
NA-142	KT3Q/4	Santa Rosa	40/17m; FT8
OC-001	VK1TX	Australia	20m; SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	12m; FT8
OC-016	3D2USU	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	15m; FT8
OC-021	YB0JVZ	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB0SSF	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YB1IQE	JAVA	12m; FT8
OC-021	YC1ARN	JAVA	15m; SSB
OC-021	YC1EAO	JAVA	15m; SSB
OC-021	YC2DBW	JAVA	15m; SSB
OC-021	YD1FRU	JAVA	15m; FT8
OC-032	FK4QX	NEW CALEDONIA	10m; SSB

OC-032	FK8GU	NEW CALEDONIA	20m; SSB
OC-034	YB9UAN	NEW GUINEA	40m; SSB
OC-036	ZL1AZ	NORTH	160m;
OC-036	ZL1PWR	NORTH	40m; SSB
OC-054	FW1JG	WALLIS	20m; SSB
OC-134	ZL3XDJ	SOUTH	40m; CW
OC-143	YB5QZ	Tahara Bung Hatta	15m; FT8
OC-201	ZL1LC	NORTH ISLAND'S COASTAL	30m; FT8
OC-209	YB8UTI	Karakelong	40/17/15m; FT8
SA-006	PJ4EL	BONAIRE	30m; FT8
SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	10m; CW
SA-024	PY2UL	SAO PAULO STATE WEST	15m; FT8
SA-099	PJ2/K8PGJ	CURACAO	40m; SSB

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode (which is very important) on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. CW/SA-036/Aruba).

AF-004. Andrea, IK1PMR, will be active as EA8/IK1PMR from Tenerife Island (IL18RJ) until March 13th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via HB9FKK, by the Bureau, direct, or IK1PMR by the Bureau (slower). IRCs OK. ClubLog requests OK.

EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will once again be active as DG5LAC/P from Hooge Island (DLFF-0013 Wadden Sea) during RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as Single-Op/SSB-Mode/High-Power entry. Activity outside of the contest will be on SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via DG5LAC, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's QQRS.

EU-074. To prepare for his expedition to Crozet and especially to test the FT8 programs, Thierry, F6CUK, will be active as TM8C from the Island of Brehat (DIFM MA012) between April 23-30th. His activity will be on 40/30/20 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, with 300 watts, a K3 and dipoles. QSL via F6CUK, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KH7, HAWAII. Jim, N6TJ, will once again use the callsign KH7Q (OAHU CQ Contesting Club callsign) from Oahu Island (OC-019) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via AH6NF. All QSOs are uploaded to LoTW. Sorry, no Bureau cards answered.

MDXC PRESENTATION. The Madison DX Club's (MDXC) will have a ZOOM presentation on Tuesday, March 8th. The program will be "Low Band DXing from Down Under" presented by Adrian, VK2WF, noted DXer with very effective transmitting antennas. Tune in to the MDXC's Zoom meeting as Adrian shares his tips, tricks and traps of mastering the low bands year round with a particular emphasis on his very effective antennas.

The MDXC ZOOM host will be Kevin Shea, N9JKP, that will be online from 0000 UTC to socialize before the business meeting begins and to provide time to work through any technical issues. A brief business meeting will begin at 0030 UTC. The program begins at 0100 UTC, sharp. All interested hams are welcome.

To Join the Zoom Meeting and Program simply use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8561554523?pwd=MFE3dldXYWclMGw4MDZtSEZ4bEp6Zz09&from=addon>
Meeting ID: 856 155 4523

Passcode: 198101

Check (<http://www.madisondxclub.org/>) for latest Program news and link to their Club's YouTube channel.

N3, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Members of the Scranton Pocono Amateur Radio Club (SPARK - K3CSG) will be active as N3T from Steamtown, Scranton, PA, between May 13-15th, to celebrate "National Train Day" (May 14th) and National Preservation Month. This is a POTA park as well K-0864 being logged as K3CSG. Operating schedule will be tentatively 14:00 UTC to 21:00 (UTC) each day depending on park operating hours. Check QRZ.com for more details to be forthcoming. QSL via N3T direct (w/SASE).

OA7, PERU. Alex, DD5ZZ, will once again be active as OA7/DD5ZZ from the Cusco region in Peru late March through mid-May. Activity will be on various HF bands (40-10m) using SSB and FT8/FT4, maybe some CW, with High-Power (1kw) into a vertical and wire antennas. He will also be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via DD5ZZ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

OG50, FINLAND (Special Event). Look for Anne, OH2YL, to be active with the special callsign OG50YL to celebrate her 50th anniversary as a radio amateur. Length of her activity was not mentioned. QSL via OH2YL.

PJ2, CURACAO (Reminder). By the time you read this, Andy, DK5ON, will once again be active as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) until March 17th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters including the 60/17/12 meter bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK/JT65/FT8/FT4). He will also be in the ARRL Inter. DX SSB (March 5-6th) and Russian DX (RDXC; March 19-20th) Contests. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. NO eQSL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 7-13th).....

Mar/07th AN	Mar/10th AN	Mar/12th HN
Mar/08th AN	Mar/11th HN	Mar/13th HN
Mar/09th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

(Updated 01/26/2022) Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):
<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov>
<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
<https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Archive of ARRL Propagation Forecasts:
<http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive-propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * W4HM Daily HF/MF Radio Wave Propagation Forecast:
<https://groups.io/g/w4hmradiowavepropagationforecast>

QRZ.COM NEWS. The founder/administrator of QRZ.com Fred, AA7BQ, posted the an article titled "Why We Blocked Russian Call Signs" on March 2nd. To read it, go to:

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/why-we-blocked-russian-call-signs.803449>

ADDED NOTE: It has also been reported that Belarus callsigns have been removed from the QRZ.com database.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qsllinfo.eu) (March 4th)

QSL-INFO from various sources provided by OPDX

4S7DRG via DK9KR	II2S via IZ2FOS	PJ2/N1ZZ via N1ZZ
4S7KKG via DC0KK	II2V via IK2AQZ	PJ7AA via AA9A
5H3EE via DL4ME	II5ANT via IZ5BTC	R80IAS via RZ5D
5T5PA via PA5X	II5GIRF via I3RXJ	RT0C via VE7ACN
7Q6M via K6ZO	IO4T via IZ4JMA	S79VU via N4GNN
7X3WPL via 7X3DL	IO5O via IK5RLP	SD7D via DL7RBI
8Q7WX via OK2WX	IQ3DQ/IT9 via IK3HHV	SG3A via SM3FJF
9K2BS via EC6DX	IR4E via IK4ZHH	T88SS via EA5GL
AP2SD via EA5ZD	J68PG via WA4PGM	TM1W via F5HRY & (L)
CR6K via CT1ILT	K4A via WA1FCN	TM30BUS via F1LFL
D4K via IZ4DPV	K4C via K4MZU	TM4Q via F4SGU
DA22WARD via DL2VFR	KP4/K01A via K01A	TM4S via F6HBI
DK0HN via DJ5QE	KP4/WI2E via WI2E	TM5TT via F4BEV (P)
DL0HMB via DL9HCO	LG2022WP via LA7RRA	TM6CXJ via F2FZ
DL0LK via DL1SO (B/L)	LN2G via LA2G	TM9AP via F6GYH
DL0YLN via DL1TM	LY11LY via LY2QT	V26K via AA3B
DP44WCA via DF6EX	LZ19ANT via LZ3SM	V31MA via M0OXO
EA6R via EA6AZ & (L)	M2A via G3SDC	V31XX via K4XS
EA7/SM0KAK via SM0KAK	MM0T via GM3WUX	V85A via EB7DX
EF30 via EA3HIG & (L)	N4D via ND1J (d)	VE80LAN via VE3DC
EF8N via EA8NC	N4E via K4WTL	VJ3A via VK3JA
EP2C via EA5GL	OD5ET via EB7DX	VK6T via EA7FTR
EP5CZD via RW6HS	OE/DL9MDI/P via DL9MDI	VP2ETE via W3HNK
FJ/DK6AS via DK6AS	OE/HB9DIZ/P via HB9DIZ	XR3W via XQ4CW
GB20SOTA via M1EYP	OE19AAW via OE3DMA	YB0AR via EB7DX
GB80LAN via G0KUC	OE2S via OE2GEN	YL50BF via YL3GBF (d/B)
GW5R via GW3YDX	OK5Z via OK2ZI	YP3A via YO3KPA
GX7WAB via GI0AZA	OO7Z/P via ON6KZ	YR0UCRR via YO5KDV
HA1222BA via HA4KYB	OR100RCBE via ON4GDV	YU65HQR via YU1HQR
HB0/HB9LCW via HB9LCW	OT4V/P via ON4VT (O/L)	Z21GC via K3IRV
HB9/YU1CA/P via YU1CA	PA5150EVH via PF1SCT	ZA/IK2RLM via IZ2LSP
HF200IL via SP8ZBX	PF88ANT via PA0RDY	ZF2WW via K6JO
HG1222BA via HA4KYB	PJ2/AD4ES via AD4ES & (L)	ZS1C via W2ARP
HG6N via HA6KNB	PJ2/AF4Z via AF4Z	ZV7AA via PY7AA
I50BYL via I5BYL	PJ2/AK4R via AK4R	ZY1F via EA7FTR
IB1D via IK1TAZ	PJ2/K5LD via K5LD	
II0OGB via IT9YBL	PJ2/K8PGJ via K8PGJ	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs
(Q) See QRZ.com (E) E-Mail QSL only (P) Please send no QSL
(**) QSL automatically via Bureau - do not send QSLs

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3D2USU> (Updated)

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/8Q7WM>

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/8Q7WX>

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/BY1CRA/W022> (Updated)

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HP1PAR> (Updated)

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HR5/F2JD> (Updated)

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/KP4/AB2RF> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/PJ7AA> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/PZ5G> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/PZ5GE> (Updated)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 7A2A (OC-021), 8J1RL, 8Q7WX, 9N7AA, BH8OCW, BI8FRF, BV6CC, DF9KF, E21EIC, EA3IGU, F5CT, G0HVQ, HB0/DL3DXX, JA1IAZ, JA1RBY, JA1SCE, JA1UII, JA2LWA, JA7KY, JA7MVX/P, JA7PKV, JH7CVM, JK1BIB, JR1NHD, JR2PZX, JR6EZE, KH2L, LA7HJA, PX2A, R075F, SQ1X, UN7EAX, V31DL, VE7DAY, VU2DED, VY2ZM, YB1BZV and ZL1LC

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3X2021, 4L1FL, EA9KB, FK8HA, HI3AA, NP2AR, PY5ERG, VK3CWB and ZS6TQ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED FOR THIS WEEK!!!!

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

TI, COSTA RICA. Dan, N6MJ, will be active as TI7W from Guanacaste during the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or M0URX. Activity outside of the contest Dan will operate as TI5/N6MJ.

TM72, FRANCE (Special Event). Guillaume, F1IEH, will use the special callsign TM72FDL between March 27th and April 10th, during the Lances de Champagne Festival (Sarthe). Activity is expected to be on various HF bands and on all modes. More information, see: <http://www.flieh.fr>

S9OK DXPEDITION - The SAO TOME STORY (Something To Read On The Web). Read about the Czech DXpedition group's S9OK DXpedition to Sao Tome at: https://www.cdpx.cz/?page_id=2314

V3, BELIZE. Iain, G4SGX, will once again be active as V31GX from Ambergris Caye (NA-073) sometime soon in March. Activity will be holiday style on 160-6 meters using mainly CW, and possibly some Digital modes (FT8). Iain will also participate in the Commonwealth Contest (Beru) [March 12-13th]. Also, he will be very active on 160m after the contest. He will run 100 watts into 1/4 verticals over seawater and inverted-L over seawater for 80m. QSL via LoTW or M0OXO.

V4, ST. KITTS. By the time you read this, Pete, G0TLE, should be active as V4/G0TLE from Frigate Bay, Calypso Bay, Saint Kitts Island (NA-104), until March 9th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. He plans to be in the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) using a special V4 callsign which is pending. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW. NO BUREAU CARDS.

VP9, BERMUDA. Les, N1SV, is once again active as VP9/N1SV from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda Islands (NA-005), until March 7th. Activity will be on various HF bands using mostly CW, JT9 and WSPR. Also, look for him to be in the ARRL Inter. DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) signing as VP9I. QSL via N1SV, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog or LoTW. QSL VP9I via WW3S.

Z6, KOSOVO. Enver, Z61EK, is a new operator in Prishtine. He reports on QRZ.com, "I have an ICOM 7300, but since I live in an apartment, I am still struggling to set up a decent antenna."

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS. Lance, W7GJ, sent out the following announcement February 28th: It is impossible to go to ZD9 this year because of Covid travel restrictions. However, I am on the waiting list for a berth to travel there in the late summer/early fall of 2023 and/or 2024 ;-). Lodging at the west end of the village is anticipated, so the antenna would only look out over open fields toward the ocean on moonset.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Colin, G4CWH, will once again be active as ZF2CA from the ZF1A club station on Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) for the 85th 2022 BERU (British Commonwealth) Contest (March 12-13th). The length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity is usually on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Ron, W2PLK, was recently active as ZF2RO from the Grand Cayman Islands this past February and plans to go back next February 2023. He states that he operates primarily CW QRP while on vacation and enjoys POTA activations with his Kx2. Ron mentions that his Cayman Islands license expires in one year (February), but he expects to renew and make more CW contacts every year he goes. QSL via his home callsign.

 The following stations are expected to be active in the
 ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th, 2022)
 Complete details on the rules for the contest: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2022 ARRL International DX SSB Contest.

For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2022.html> (By callsign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxsd2022.html> (By entity)

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
7Q6M	Malawi	SO	K6ZO
8P1W	Barbados	SOAB LP	KU9C
8Q7CQ	Maldives	SO	M0OXO
D4K	Cape Verde Island	SO	IZ4DPV
FG4KH	Guadeloupe	SO	LoTW
J68HZ	St Lucia	M/?	LoTW; QSL via (C) or K9HZ (d)
KH7M	Hawaii	SO	LoTW; QSL via KH6ZM
KH7Q	Hawaii	SOAB	AH6NF
P40F	Aruba	SO	LoTW
PJ2/DK5ON	Curacao	SO	LoTW
PJ7AA	Sint Maarten	SO	LoTW; QSL via (C) or AA9A (d)
PJ7PL	Sint Maarten	SO	N2HX
TI7W	Costa Rica	SOAB HP	LoTW
TO3Z	Guadeloupe	M/?	F6HMQ
V26K	Antigua & Barbuda	SOAB	LoTWB; QSL via AA3B (B/d/C)
VP9I	Bermuda	SO	WW3S
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	M/S	K7ZO; QSL via (C)
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed (I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau			



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